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SUBJECT: CHANCERY COMPLEXES: STATUS OF U.S. REQUESTS FOR SERVICES

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1. STATUS OF REQUESTS MADE OF SOVIET SIDE IN CONNECTION WITH
EARLY CONSTRUCTION OF CHANCERY/APARTMENT COMPLEX FOLLOWS:
A) ADDITIONAL HOUSING. DESPITE REPEATED EFFORTS TO ARRANGE
MEETING WITH HEAD OF HOUSING SECTION, UPDK, NO INFORMATION ON
PROMISED SEVEN APARTMENTS HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING. IN HOPES THAT
RECENT FLURRY OF ACTIVITY ON SUBJECT WILL SPARK SOME ACTION WE
WILL TRY AGAIN TODAY TO SCHEDULE MEETING.
?) NEW RECREATIONAL FACILITY. GSO WAS PRESENTED WITH SITE
DRAWINGS DECEMBER 21 SHOWING PROPOSED DIPLOMATIC DACHA AREA
IN NAKHABINO. SITE IS PRESENTLY UNDEVELOPED ALTHOUGH HUT
FOR CONSTRUCTION CREW HAS BEEN ERECTED. UPDK PLANS TO CONSTRUCT
50 SMALL DACHAS, TENNIS COURTS AND BASKETBALL AREA ALONG
GRYAZEVA RIVER WEST OF MOSCOW. IT IS STILL PREMATURE TO
MAKE A DECISION ON THE PROPERTY AS THE AREA APPEARS TO
BE 18 MONTHS TO 2 YEARS AWAY FROM DEVELOPMENT.
;) RELOCATION OF AMERICA SCHOOL. WE HAVE RECEIVED
NOTHING FIRM REGARDING A NEW SCHOOL FACILITY
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D) ADDITIONAL STORAGE SPACE. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN TOLD
THAT THIS REQUEST IS BEING CONSIDERED IN A POSITIVE VIEW,
UPDK HAS NOT PROFFERED ANY SPACE.
E) ELECTRICAL SERVICE. UPDK ENGINEERS HAVE INSPECTED SITE
FOR NEW POWER PANEL. ACTUAL INSTALLATION HAS NOT YET
COMMENCED BY JANUARY COMPLETION DATE HAS BEEN PROMISED.

F) MEDICAL UNIT ADDITION. WORKERS ARRIVED ON SCENE
UNANNOUNCED DECEMBER 21 TO START WORK ON EXTENSION OF PRESENT
BUILDING. WHILE PRESENTLY WORKING LIKE DEMONS POSSESSED, IT
IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE ADDITION WILL BE COMPLETED BEFORE FEBRUARY.
G) PRESENT DACHA PROPERTY. UPDK HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT IS
PREPARED TO RUN ADDITIONAL POWER, WATER AND SEWER LINES FOR
THE NEW FINNISH DACHA (IF STILL DESIRED) DURING 1977. WE
WILL DISCUSS THIS FURTHER.

2. SO FAR, UPDK HAS GIVEN A LITTLE AND PROMISED A LOT.
GIVEN PAST DIFFICULTIES IT IS HARD TO BE OPTIMISTIC BUT
PERHAPS EVENTS HAVE TAKEN A TURN FOR THE BETTER. THE SOVIET
RESPONSE TO THE NOTE OF DECEMBER 21 SHOULD INDICATE
HOW INTERESTED THEY ARE IN MOVING AHEAD. SO FAR THEY
HAVE DONE NOTHING WHICH REPRESENTS A SACRIFICE.
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